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January 28th

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● KINGS COLLEGE HOSPITAL, S.E.5. GARY WRIGHT'S WONDERWHEEL, JERICHO.

● LEAS CLIFF HALL, FOLKESTONE. SANDY DENNY IN CONCERT. Doors open 7.30.

● MARQUEE, 90 Wardour St. (7.30-11.00). DUSTER BENNETT AND ZOOT MONEY.

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● THE TEMPLE, 33/37 Wardour St., W.1. CAMEL plus supports.

WESTFIELD COLLEGE, Kidderpore Avenue, N.W.3. BELL 'N' ARC. WRITING ON THE WALL.

Saturday
January 29th

A.A.A. DISCO, Union St., High Barnet. Open 8 pm-11 pm.

ANGLERS FOLK CLUB (nr. Thames TV Studios), Teddington. JUSTIN.

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Sunday
January 30th

A.A.A. DISCO, Wolsey Hall, Windmill Lane, Cheshunt. TOP D.J. NORMAN SCOTT.

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● MARQUEE, 90 Wardour St., W.1. CLOSED.

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Monday
January 31st

A.A.A. DISCO, Assembly Hall, Station Rd., Chingford. Lic. bar. 8-11 p.m.

A.A.A. DISCO, nr. Tally Ho cnr. Ballards Lane, Finchley, 8 p.m.

● CAFE DES ARTISTES, 266 Fulham Rd., S.W.10. ANNAPURNA.

COCK, Palmers Green, N.13. TRICKY DICKY Rock 'n' Roll.

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HOPE AND ANCHOR, 207 Upper St., N.1. BOB KERR AND FRIENDS.

KINGS HEAD, 115 Upper St., Islington (Angel Tube). ALMEIDA ROCK. 8 p.m.

● MARQUEE, 90 Wardour St. (7.30-11.00). UFO plus guests.

● THE GREYHOUND, 175 Fulham Palace Rd., W.6. DUTCH. Adm. FREE.

Tuesday
February 1st

A.A.A. DISCO, Holdbrook Hall, Waltham X. Open 8 p.m.

● CAFE DES ARTISTES, 266 Fulham Rd., S.W.10. SPIKE.

CHEZ CLUB, Nightingale High Rd., Wood Green, N.22. ARGENT.

HOPE AND ANCHOR, 207 Upper St., N.1. TIGHT LIKE THAT (Jug Band).

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Wednesday
February 2nd

BARMY ARMS. Riverside. Nr. Twickenham. DUNEDIN.

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● THE GREYHOUND, 175 Fulham Palace Rd., W.6. SENSATIONS. Adm. FREE.

TOP RANK WATFORD SUITE. The Parade. DETROIT EMERALDS.

Thursday
February 3rd

ALBERT FOLK CLUB, Pied Bull, 1 Liverpool Rd., N.1. WINDFALL.

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FISHMONGERS ARMS, Wood Green, N.22. BIG MIKES 77 SOUND (Disco).

FOLK CENTRE, Hammersmith Prince of Wales, Dalling Rd. JEREMY TAYLOR.

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HOUNDS, Green Man, Plashet Grove, East Ham. SLOWBONE.

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WATFORD TECH/SATURDAY

Billy Preston: Talking 'bout the Lord

BILLY PRESTON and his four-piece band ran through a set at Ronnie Scott's Club on Monday night, and had the press gathering raving for more. Preston is an entertainer, right down to his little on-stage dances.

"What I really like to get over," he said after the reception, "is not the fact that I can play something, it's the meanings of the song and when I get to talking about the Lord. That's the thing. And the rest of a song is like show off.

"I mean, you play different songs and you might strike somebody's groove, but when you get down to talking seriously about God that's the high spot of the whole thing to me. Because at that point I get happy and I don't care about anything else.

"As long as the audience can feel that and get that, and start thinking about God, instead of just looking at me, that's good, because you can feel it, and the spirit gets tense in the room."

Preston is also ready to admit that he is an extrovert performer. He never plans a show, or rehearses the order of numbers.

TONY STEWART.

HAMMERSMITH COUNTY

A C&W survey of London's "Wild West" by Stacey Williams

OUT in the "Wild West" of London lies a wide, open range for country and western music. You might call it "Hammersmith Country," for within a one-mile radius of that borough are three of the liveliest pubs in Britain for listening to the Nashville sound.

On a recent pub crawl there, this listener heard the songs of Johnny Cash, Kris Kristoffersen, Hank Williams, Jimmie Rodgers and a spate of lesser-known country singers.

It was also a study in primitive rock 'n' roll, for remember that some of the fathers of 1950's rock — Elvis Presley, Bill Haley, Carl Perkins, and the late Buddy Holly — all started as country and western singers.

Most of the bands in Hammersmith are English, but the accent is pure American country. The echo is turned on heavy, the guitars slide in modern figures or strum in traditional sequences, and the singing would make a cowboy's eyes puddle up with sheer nostalgia.

Two of the remarkable facets of "Hammersmith Country" are that three pubs there run music live seven nights a week and there is rarely an extra charge between a penny or two on a beer for the shows.

The best-known of these pubs is The Nashville Room., which opened about three years ago with a flying visit from Chet Atkins, the famed guitarist and Nashville recording executive. This pub adjoins West Kensington tube station.

One stop further west, you find the Clarendon's "Country Barn," while, in between, on Hammersmith High Street, is the Red Cow, which also bears the brand of true country music.

How did this thriving Nashville-on-Thames music scene get started? The late Charles Francis Williams, an English publican, made a visit some years ago to Toronto, Canada, and was instantly smitten with the great amount of quality country and western music he heard there. He became the pioneer in bringing country music back east, to London, converting the Red Cow in 1963. Williams took the back billiards room and installed a stage.

A year later, the Clarendon went country. Then the Red Lion in Brentford, the Roebuck in Lewisham and the Adam and Eve in Hayes followed the same rural route. Finally, in March, 1969, just a few months after Williams died, the Nashville Room came to life. Two of the founder's sons, Charles Jr and David, operating as the Griffin Catering Company, now run the circuit, rotating bands, singers and cabaret from pub to pub.

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baleful sentimentality of country music. Guitar licks by Dave Crane are beautifully timed and understated.

The band's arrangements are smooth and rich in the rural idiom, while the relaxed, diffident manner and singing of leader Jonny Young are truly Southern fried. Among the band's songs were "Me and Bobby McGee," "Wheatfields of St Paul," "Ring of Fire," "Saddle Tramp," "Sunday Morning Coming Down" and "Blue Yodel."

At the Nashville Room, London's own Tex Withers is the resident compere, while at the Clarendon the lively Kingpins, who didn't exactly bowl me over at first hearing, had the audience cheering. The decor, the music and the easy-going atmosphere of "Hammersmith Country" all add up to a fine listening venue.

On March 4, the Red Cow, not content having music nightly on the ground floor, will open a membership club in the new Griffin Room, that will provide a special sort of in-place Monday through Wednesday nights. For a colourful evening of quality music by the best English and American country performers, just hop any west-bound London transport stagecoach and try a bit of Hammersmith Country. Y'all won't be disappointed.

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